

# Washington State Patrol Media Release

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## **Washington State Patrol & Idaho State Police Holiday Emphasis Patrols**

Starting Wednesday morning November 21, 2007, The Washington State Patrol and Idaho State Police will be conducting holiday emphasis patrols concentrating their efforts on the interstate and state route highways through the holiday weekend.

Troopers from both agencies will be looking to take enforcement for collision causing violations. Speed over the legal limit, aggressive driving, following too close and driving while under the influence are all leading causes of collisions, injuries and traffic deaths in both Idaho and Washington.

The winter driving season is upon us and it is important that motorists understand that it is their responsibility to maintain control of their vehicle at all times. Motorists should now expect to encounter slick roadways. Motorists will need to adjust their speed and increase their following distance. Be patient. Limit your lane changes. Wear your seat belt and have sufficient tire tread depth to steer, accelerate and stop on icy roadways.

If motorists witness erratic or aggressive driving they can call 911 and provide vehicle and driver descriptions. Troopers from both Idaho and Washington take these calls seriously, and want to get these drivers stopped before they cause a collision.

Have a safe Holiday Weekend.

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